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“Because We Believe”

Colzate, Italy; October 2 – 7: Itema opened their showroom doors to introduce a new and revitalized company image and present its newest creation, the R9500 Rapier Weaving machine

Under the motto “Because we Believe”, the Italian Group, along with their subsidiaries in Switzerland, China, USA, Japan and India, display the results of their significant investment to re-align the company. With a focused approach, Itema unified the resources of their revered brands Somet, Sultex & Vamatex behind one single name and one single brand – “Itema”. The Itema Group used their collaborative experience, with over 50 years of success, to capture the best of its brands to develop the milestone for the company and the reference for the weaving sector.

The “Because we Believe” Open House has been the first step to illustrate the realization of this new image and realignment. The focus of the event is the presentation of the new product strategy and the official launch of the R9500 rapier weaving machine. Referencing the ITMA Barcelona debut and immediate market success of the A9500 – the concept of the R9500 was born. Utilizing the advantages of a CBP (Common Base Platform) along with integrating the winning elements of its rapier machines, the Itema R & D Engineers have produced a fast, flexible, reliable hi-tech machine with quality built in.

Based on the same footprint and mechanical concept of the A9500, along with the efficient use of comparable parts & solutions, the R9500 is a solid, robust machine, capable of weaving the heaviest fabrics but flexible and precise enough to weave fine, fancy & technical yarns with ease.

The simple, yet comprehensive design of the New Common Electronic Platform, allows easy control of all technical parameters. More than 90% of parts, including motors, electric devices and interface are common with the air-jet machine, reducing costs for customers having both technologies.

The R9500 utilizes a completely re-designed version of the famous propeller drive system. Affectionately called the “Turbo Prop”, the drive remains compact with minimal moving parts, ensuring high reliability and reduced maintenance. With reliable, low cost, consistent performance, the new Turbo Prop embodies the true essence of the R9500 Rapier Weaving Machine: an efficient mechanism providing low power consumption and a minimal noise profile promotes the R9500 as the “Greenest Machine” in its class.

With virtually no limits to versatility, the R9500 enables the Customer to quickly attack new opportunities and penetrate new markets. Different options and features can be selected, providing unsurpassed flexibility and the widest application range. The innovative SK Transfer System is engineered for high speed and versatility, while the newly developed FPA (Free Positive Approach) weft transfer offers a race board with no guiding elements for synthetic or delicate yarns. For more complex styles and/or multiple weft configurations, a

unique electronic cutter is available upon request. Utilizing innovative technology and controlled by the microprocessor, independent cutting times can be set for each weft/color increasing efficiency and minimizing waste.

The R9500 arrives with the latest in technology offering a new electronic platform where the full color, touch screen acts as the user interface. The intuitive software actually encourages dialogue with weavers & technicians. With the constant connection of the R9500 to the mill network, use of the Remote Software Service is just a click away to access Itema's World Wide Service Network for prompt diagnostic assistance.

The QRP Certification

The QRP Certification is evidence of Itema's commitment to quality through the consistent application of enhanced processes to design, develop, lean manufacture and deliver products, with unsurpassed after sales support, that clearly illustrate superior Quality, Reliability and Performance is embedded into each machine. The QRP represents total quality and to demonstrate its confidence and commitment, every "QRP certified" Itema machine is guaranteed for a period of two years.

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